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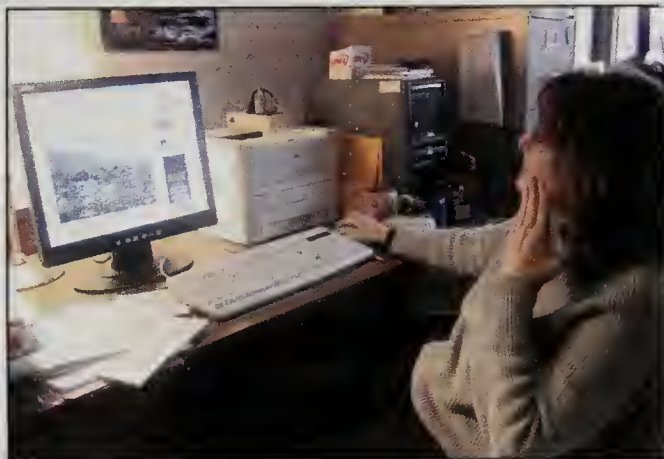
Zach Heridia  
News Editor

Professor Kathleen Tobin cried at the circulation desk in the Purdue Calumet library. The books she had requested via interlibrary loan had arrived.

"I ordered them before I left and then they were here," Tobin said.

Everyone has been touched by the tragic earthquake in Haiti. Tobin was tearful not because her books were delayed or a family member had died but because the subject of the books was not as it had been only days earlier. Tobin's books focused on Haiti, and in particular, the educational system of Haiti.

Tobin, a history professor at PUC, spent eight days in Haiti during the winter break. She was



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Kathleen Tobin views one of five pictures taken on her trip to Haiti.

on a research project and traveled through the nation. She spent five days in Port-au-Prince, the capital and epicenter of the earthquake.

Her final day of traveling was the day of the earthquake. As Tobin

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## Visclosky talk on campus covers relevant issues



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Visclosky speaks regarding issues affecting PUC students, such as the CARD act.

Zach Heridia  
News Editor

This article contains language that may be offensive.

As Makayla Wolfe introduced Congressman Pete Visclosky, she seemed as professional and well-spoken as a seventh grader could be.

Wolfe, a Hammond resident and Scott middle school student, was given the privilege of beginning Visclosky's town forum event at the Calumet Conference Center Tuesday morning. It was Visclosky's

second day canvassing Northwest Indiana and the beginning of a five-stop day of forums from Hammond East to Hobart.

"[Visclosky] has two ways in which he looks to fix problems: put aside differences and work together to get things done," Wolfe said from a speech prepared by Visclosky which outlined both his ties to the region and his accomplishments.

Wolfe was given a certificate of appreciation by Visclosky before returning to the audience but it was not the last time that the blue-green sweater and grey slacks clad congressman referred

to the young lady.

"If any of these [questions] are difficult, I will let Makayla answer them," Visclosky quipped before he began addressing questions from the audience of about forty Hammond residents.

Visclosky addressed several difficult questions, many which were directed toward the well-being of PUC students.

One such issue was the Credit Cardholder Bill of Rights, which will be enacted February 22.

According to Visclosky, the

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## Safety top concern for PUC

Marissa O'Donley  
Staff Writer

Despite PUC's best intentions, crime still occurs on campus. It is something which seems unstoppable and makes many students on campus feel unsafe. In order to combat these feelings, PUC is implementing many safety procedures to make the campus safer for both students and staff.

At the insistence of PUC Chief of Police Anthony Martin, many of the University Police officers are now personally walking around campus, watching for suspicious activity and aiding students when needed. As in semesters past, University Police still has at least two officers patrolling the campus parking lots as well.

The security cameras located around the school are another well-known feature. While one person can only watch so many camera feeds, all of them record and tape what is found, so any incidents not caught at the time of the crime can be watched later on when reported.

Newer safety features around campus are various red poles with blue lights, all of which have the word 'Emergency' down the side. These are emergency phones, which are linked directly to University Police. The position of the phones was decided based on how obvious they would be, so at least one would be in eye shot at all times. The number of phones will increase as the campus expands and grows. According to Police Chief Anthony Martin, in order to use each phone, a simple press of the button contacts them. You can then tell them what the problem is. Martin recommends callers to stay by the phone until the police can report to the location.

A program for those who want to report suspicious activity without divulging their identity is the Silent Witness program. Students can go onto the PUC Web site to access the University Police's page. There they can find the link for the Silent Witness

form and the phone number for the anonymous hotline.

The University Police, along with the Chancellor and several student organizations, also go on a safety assessment walk. Assistant Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Michael Kull said the walk ensures mechanisms and procedures are in working order.

In the near future, the SGA will hold a meeting in regards to campus safety, in which members will propose what needs to be implemented and changed in order to make the campus safer.

It is encouraged for all students to make use of the programs and systems if they feel threatened, and to voice any and all concerns they may have about campus safety. Both emergency and non-emergency numbers can be found for the University Police on the PUC Web site.



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Jessie Martin  
Student Body President

**H**ello PUC students! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. It's always nice to have an opportunity to visit and catch up with family and friends over holiday break. Hopefully all of you had an opportunity to do just that, along with getting a chance to kick back and relax a little.

After laboring tirelessly with homework, projects and exams last semester, we all deserve an opportunity to chill for a few weeks and press the reset button. Everyone starts the semester with a clean slate, so good luck and best wishes for a successful spring semester!

As for the Student Government Association, we are hoping to take it to the next level this upcoming semester. So far, SGA has made progress in several areas of students concerns. With help from Chancellor Cohen, University Forum representatives, and the SGA, there will be an enhanced commitment to address the public safety concerns on the PUC campus. This newest commitment provides an additional communication channel between Campus Police and the PUC community on steps they can take to make the campus safer for everyone

We also passed legislation recommending PUC switch our email services to Google Inc., and that was accepted and is scheduled to be in place when we return for the 2010 fall semester. There is a committee in place that will operate and oversee this transition, and SGA will be there to make sure the students have a voice in every decision made.

While the issue of a fall break stalled out last semester, the SGA has decided to take a step back and approach the matter from a more research-based argument. We will survey PUC students and acquire information from our peer institutions on the effects a fall break has had on their school, both positive and negative. From here, we will make our case for a fall break.

An exciting new development that concerns food services here on campus occurred over winter break. As some of you may know, the Oaken Arbor Café extended the hours they are open. They have made the decision to stay open until 6 p.m., in effect immediately, and I invite everyone to take advantage of this new change. I am appreciative of the changes that Chartwells is showing they are willing to make, and the SGA is looking forward to continuing the productive dialogue we have had thus far in the future.

One noticeable change for the Student Government Association that I want to see happen this semester is becoming a more visible presence on campus. While we do have our office up in 344F, we absolutely need to be more approachable on campus. In the SULB and CLO building, there will be tables where you can discuss issues with members of the SGA.

We are planning on having suggestion boxes specifically designated for SGA purposes that will be visibly present within every school. These are just a few of the ideas that I believe will assist the flow of communication between PUC students and the Student Government Association. This flow of communication is vital to me, and will be emphasized this upcoming semester.

The Student Government Association is looking to build upon last semester, and with the help and support of PUC students, it can happen. Good luck to all PUC students this upcoming semester, and I hope to see you around!

~Jessie Martin, Student Body President

Paid for by the Student Government Association

## What's Going On? A look around PUC...

H1N1 vaccine available for students  
PUC's Student Health Services Center has received a limited supply of H1N1 influenza inactivated vaccine. Similar to a seasonal flu shot, this vaccine is intended to be injected into one's arm. More information about the H1N1 vaccine available to PUC students can be obtained by contacting the university's Student Health Services Center at shs-center@calumet.purdue.edu or 219/989-1235.

Therapy Center, one and one-fourth miles west of campus at 1247 169th St. All suicide survivors and friends of survivors are welcome to attend. Meetings are scheduled the third Thursday of each month. Admission is free. Other information is available by phoning the Couple and Family Therapy Center at 219/989-2027, or facilitator Karen Lawrence at clawrence5198@sbcglobal.net or 219/844-5198

Interested in reading a book and participating in a book discussion? Student Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Thursday, January 28th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Inherit the Wind by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee will be discussed. Interested students may register at SUL 104B or contact Student Activities at 989-2369 for more information. A current class schedule is required when registering for event. Books are free and refreshments are provided at discussion.

**Lee Rademacher wants you!**  
I advise political science and criminal justice students. I recently created a facebook page called: PUC Political Science/Criminal Justice Advising. I would like to get as many of my advisees on board. To join, search for the group on Facebook and sign up now!

**'Healing Circles' suicide survivors support groups to meet Jan. 21**  
Purdue University Calumet's "Healing Circles" suicide survivor support groups will meet Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at the university's Couple and Family

### This Week from Student Activities

Tues. 1/19  
Free Nachos\* and DJ Music  
11am-2pm  
SUL Concourse

Student Organization Fair begins  
This week  
SUL Concourse

Wed. 1/20  
Movie & Popcorn  
"G.I. Joe—The Rise of the Cobra"  
11am, 2pm & 4pm  
TV Room, SUL  
Free admission & popcorn

Thurs. 1/21  
Good Morning Café  
Free coffee & hot chocolate\*  
8:30am-10:30am  
CLO & SUL Concourses

Wii Fun and Games  
11am-2pm  
Calumet Falls, SUL

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## Rants from the Riverside

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Editor



Christmastide. A time for joy, celebration and, we cannot forget, grand theft auto.

Christmas Eve my wife and I left our house, which is across the street from a police station, for twenty minutes. A police officer was sitting across the street in a police car. When we returned, my motorcycle was conspicuously missing, but the officer was not. We called the police, since the officer pulled away when I tried approaching him.

A police officer came by and said, "Tough luck. Look out for the bike, and if you see it, let us know. We might be able to do something about it then." A week later, I had to go down to the police station and pay to receive the police report, which had several mistakes on it, including undervaluing the bike to less than 20% of its real value.

I first take issue with the fact that this happened in plain sight of an officer in the middle of the day, and the officer did nothing to stop it, report it, or do anything whatsoever useful. Part of my sense of security in having my motorcycle out on the street came from constantly having police officers across the street. The officer that showed up on the scene even said he had been by the house many times that day because they were increasing security for the street.

The second issue I hated was how the officer actually told me to look for the bike. Isn't the role of the police force to look for and recover lost property? If they tell me to look for it, are they not telling me to take the law into my own hands? How is this the "correct" way of doing things? I provided them with a very detailed description of the vehicle, gave them the VIN and all necessary information, including how much I bought it for and how much I have spent on it. Why was this not enough to allow them to recover the bike?

This is the second time I have been disillusioned by the efforts of the police force. The first time, years ago, I was beaten by my step-father and tried to press charges, but they laughed at me and kicked me out of my own house.

With so many stories over the past century of policemen who operate outside the law, who beat people due to race or transgressions, who have become such a laughing stock they are referred to as "pigs" and "fuzz" and other derogatory terms, where is the police force heading? Can I ever expect to see my bike again?



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## Reactions to Haiti disaster vary

*The issue: Relief in Haiti is slow and plodding.*

*Our position: PUC students can help make a difference.*

The 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti has affected many people throughout the country; from celebrities to everyday people worrying about their family's loved ones.

Thankfully, during times of tragedy many people open their hearts and extend a helping hand to those in need through donations and volunteering.

Professors and instructors at PUC have been affected by the tragedies brought about by the earthquake in Haiti. History professor Kathleen Tobin was in Haiti doing research about teaching and learning in Haiti and left Port-au-Prince shortly before the earthquake hit on Jan. 12. French instructor Heleine VanDyke, a Haitian-American, is currently helping organize relief efforts through her church, the Westminster Presbyterian Church located in Munster.

Sadly, many may believe if a situation does not directly affect them in some way, they do not have to care about the issues around them.

Many who attend PUC see this campus as a place to go to school and nothing more – they never reach out to others or take pride in their school by joining causes or organizations. This selfish and short-sighted mentality should be put aside by PUC students, especially in times such as these.

There are multitudes of ways in which PUC students can donate, most of which incorporate the hobby of most college students: texting. Haitian-born rapper Wyclef Jean's foundation, The Wyclef Jean Foundation Inc., allows a person to make a donation of \$5 by texting the word "Yele" to "501501." The donations will help pay for the airlifting of medi-

cal supplies and water and to Haiti using a FedEx plane. Donors can also text "Haiti" to "90999" in order to give \$10 to the American Red Cross relief efforts. Students can also help by organizing their own relief funds, or by getting involved with groups such as the PUC Social Justice Club – an organization which helps those in need.

However, the act of volunteering and donating time or money to help others should not be limited to times of need. Giving back to the community should be something every person should try to do. It doesn't have to be just through monetary donations; giving a little bit of time to help a charity, being a shoulder to cry on for a person who needs it, choosing the high road of kindness instead of giving into anger – these are all ways to make society a better place for all.

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The Chronicle reserves the right to edit for clarity, accuracy, space and news style.

Deadline for submissions is the Friday before the publication.

## Let the grind begin

**Casey  
Brandon**  
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Editor



Let the grind begin.

With Winter in force, snow on the ground: Students look out! Here comes a new round.

Classes will start, a semester begins. Books sold only at our store... just pay and grin.

Frosh and Sophs looking for fun, and Juniors and Elderly wanting to be done.

Let the grind begin.

Powerpoints and syllabi to be prepared as faculty and staff groan out with despair.

Classrooms of students with nothing to do, like profs on sabbaticals—how lucky are you?

With numbers up and constant rooms moving; showing up late with professors disapproving.

Let the grind begin.

Oaken Arbor Café is where you can feed: Chartwells is still here. Pay for what you need.

Parking lots stage the epic battle for spaces. Why can't people walk? It's not too many paces!

Smokers be wary! They will crack down! ...I am with you... we'll take this underground...

Let the grind begin.

The library is open for all of us to use, but don't come late, lest you be left confused.

And Calumet Falls... such a joy: Magic cards and piano players... I know: "oh boy."

The Fitness Center has a new floor for those who work out.

And those with resolutions—please don't drop out.

Let the grind begin.

Gyte is still standing, with its dungeon within. I believe it was built when horses were in.

Chancellor Cohen is still in charge, for those who don't know: he's the grooviest cat at large.

Tech and nursing get the money we all see. Too bad for those in LASS... like me.

Let the grind begin.

The top of SUL is where organizations are located: something for everyone—yes, even the jaded.

SGA stays for another semester letting things go and making issues fester.

The Faculty Senate still drags its feet. Don't get your hopes up: fall break's looking bleak.

Let the grind begin.

Another semester, another new year: What more can one ask for? Thank god for beer!

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## Array of hits and misses in 2009 films

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2009 saw the release of a wide range of movies. There were several blockbuster sequels and remakes, as well as a few surprise hits. In between the Box Office smash hits, there were also a few smaller films which stood out.

Here is a look back on some of the year's best and worst, successes and failures.

### Best Blockbuster: "Star Trek"

Of all the big, expensive CGI-fests in 2009, this one was by far the most engaging. This quasi-prequel tells of the first adventures of Captain Kirk (Chris Pine), Spock (Zachary Quinto) and the Enterprise crew.

This much needed reboot of the sci-fi franchise had an intriguing storyline, enough of the original show's spirit to please longtime fans, plenty of action and with a sleek

new look to attract new ones.

### Biggest surprise: "The Men Who Stare at Goats"

The title may put some viewers off, but this delightfully weird, military screwball comedy was one of the funniest movies of the year. This supposedly-true story tells of a

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## 2010 films seem promising

**Joelle Halon**  
Entertainment Editor

Last year, Hollywood managed to dig itself out of its slump with sequels and several Box Office hits like "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," "Avatar" and "Twilight: New Moon." Hollywood plans more sequels as well as some highly anticipated films that could potentially delight audiences in 2010.

January possesses some comedic and dramatic treats as Dennis Quaid's thriller "Legion" and Kristen Bell and Josh Duhamel's romantic comedy "When in Rome" hits theaters.

"Legion," a film about human survival during the Apocalypse, seems bloody, but may please action film fans; whereas "When in Rome," a seemingly predictable comedy about three men falling in love with one woman, may delight those looking for a good chick flick or date movie.

In Feb., Nicholas Sparks' beloved book "Dear John" debuts on the silver screen. Starring Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried of "Mama Mia" fame, "Dear John," about a soldier and college student's long-distance relationship, already has a large fan group following on Facebook and looks like a tearjerker.

Martin Scorsese's "Shutter Island," originally slated for 2009, also shows in Feb. Leonardo DiCaprio stars as a U.S. Marshall who is out to catch a woman in Boston's Outer Harbor.

The highly anticipated Tim Burton film "Alice in Wonderland," starring Johnny Depp, lands in theaters March 5. A visual treat, this film offers a new twist on the classic tale as an adult Alice journeys through Wonderland. Telling by the previews, Burton does a fantastic rendition of the Carroll yarn and truly brings the book's visualizations to life.

After 23 years, Oliver Stone releases a sequel to "Wall Street." "Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps" comes to theaters April 21 with Michael Douglas reprising his 1987 role as Gordon Gekko. The film focuses on 2008's financial crisis.

May seems to be a huge Box Office month—as well as the month of sequels-- as "Sex in the City 2," "Shrek Forever After" and "Iron Man 2" grace the screens. Other notables which

promise to bring in audiences are "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time," based on the popular video game, and Russell Crowe's rendition of "Robin Hood."

"Twilight: Eclipse" and "Toy Story 3" will be the moneymakers come June. The third installment of "Twilight" continues the popular film series, but hopefully better visuals and acting will also join this film as critics and some fans agree the series thus far seems to be lacking a certain something.

"Toy Story 3" follows Woody, Buzz and the gang as they escape preschool after Andy goes to college. Fans of the original "Toy Story" will find this movie delightful, but they may wonder why it took Pixar 11 years to release it.

Other June notables include remakes of "A-Team," "Footloose" and the "Karate Kid," starring Will Smith's son Jaden.

Fans of the Nickelodeon hit show "Avatar" will have to wait until July when M. Night Shyamalan releases his live-action flick "The Last Airbender." Let us hope Shyamalan does not deliver another Box Office flop and recaptures the fame and glory he had when "The Sixth Sense" shocked audiences.

August through October are slow months movie-wise, since the flicks slated for release seem mediocre at best.

Beverly Cleary's beloved Ramona Quimby comes to life Aug. 13 in "Ramona and Beezus." On Oct. 13, a movie franchise that is way past its prime returns with "Saw VII." How many of these movies do we have to see in a lifetime?

November comes back to life with the release of the first half of the seventh installment of the Harry Potter franchise: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." The movie was split into two parts so details were not left out. Some fans wish the sixth installment received the same treatment, as there were many holes unfilled in "The Half-Blood Prince."

November also brings audiences Disney's "Rapunzel," which gives audiences the behind-the-scenes look of the princess who uses bucket-loads of Suave shampoo and conditioner.

Finally, December gives audiences Disney's "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," which brings audiences more Ben Barnes as the delicious Prince Caspian.

"Tron," the sequel to Disney's 1982 classic also promises to dazzle with updated special effects; and Jack Black, who is, more often than not, more pathetic than funny, brings "Gulliver's Travels" to life. Perhaps this film has shades of "Year One" in it: unfunny F-L-O-P.

## We are ready for YOU!

The 2009-2010 academic year ushers in a very exciting time for Purdue University Calumet. Phase II of The University Village community will open its doors for the very first time and will nearly double the on-campus population of The University Village community on Purdue University Calumet's campus.

Apply now for the opportunity to live on-campus!

**To apply, go to**  
**[www.calumet.purdue.edu/housing](http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/housing)**  
**or call us for a contract packet at**  
**219.989.4150**



**Do you want to give these movies the "Pere-grin" or "Pere-frown?" Maybe you should join The Chronicle! Read page 2 of this issue for more info.**

# Viral Videos

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## Elephant Painting



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He7Ge7SogrK>

It's amazing how the more lines he draws, the more and more it looks like an elephant...

## Techno Jeep



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFybwg4wadI>

Now, if only they had put that much effort into getting the car to actually run...

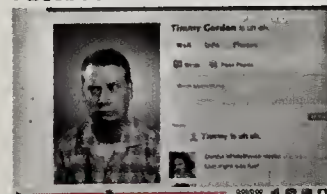
## Mad Libs Men



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLkIPt0VeYU>

"Squishy work today, gentlemen. I'll see you all in a gazillion, bajillion years."

## Facebook Manners and You



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iROYzrm5SBM>

Timmy and Alice's relationship adventures on Facebook, the electronic friendship generator!

Submit your viral videos at [pucchronicle.com](http://www.pucchronicle.com)

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secret government program to train psychic soldiers who can kill with their minds. George Clooney is pitch perfect as a man who is either one of these psychic warriors, completely crazy, or both.

## Biggest disappointment: "Public Enemies"

This crime drama about depression-era bank robber John Dillinger—partially filmed in Crown Point—is a completely wasted opportunity. As Dillinger, Johnny Depp does not act so much as mime his role and the rest of the cast is not much better. There is not much of a story and aside from a few shootouts, no momentum to keep the film from being boring.

## Worst Movie: "Friday the 13th"

Rob Zombie's 2007 remake

of "Halloween" was bad, but at least he tried to do something new and different with the story, albeit unsuccessfully. This reboot of the popular slasher franchise just recycles pieces of the old series, with god-awful results. It is not even laughably terrible like some really bad horror movies; it is just plain terrible.

## Best Movie: "The Hurt Locker"

Like Oliver Stone's Vietnam classic "Platoon," director Kathryn Bigelow's portrait of a bomb defusing team in Iraq circa 2004 lays bare the brutal realities of war for all to see. The movie has no political slant, no Hollywood clichés or sentimentality; just a hard-hitting view of the war through the eyes of the soldiers who fight it. It is simple and very effective.

# Idol-mania has returned

**Maria Gonzalez**  
Staff Writer

"This is... 'American Idol!'"

The famous catchphrase of *AI* host, Ryan Seacrest has yet again unveiled the new season of "American Idol" on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

With the new season comes many changes.

As many may know, Paula Abdul is no longer a judge, having been replaced by Ellen DeGeneres. For the time being, guest judges help during the audition process, with Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham and Mary J. Blige guest judging during the Boston and Atlanta auditions, respectfully.

Abdul's absence does leave viewers craving her age-old bickering with Simon Cowell. The quarrels seem repetitive; the disputes are definitely a missing ingredient that invigorates the show's spark.

During the Boston auditions, guest judge Beckham tried to keep as positive as Abdul usually was, but Beckham's attempts were poor and warm thoughts seemed mechanical.

In Atlanta, Blige assumed Beckham's role but did not have an impacting presence. She had little to no criticism to offer, positive or otherwise. However, Blige had moments of no restraint with laughing at certain contestants who did not fit the bill for the next American Idol.

This year's contestants are just as unique as any other season. The talent ranged from groundbreaking vocals with heartfelt stories, to tone-deaf contestants with video game expertise, to just plain weird with no sign of any singing ability.

The contestants hold great potential, exceptional aptitude and flair.

Though many enjoy sharing a good laugh at the unfortunate contestants, many are spared from television's harsh critics. This new season failed to tip the scales by not showing too many feeble auditions.

The Boston and Atlanta auditions brought in new interesting talent this season.

A memorable face to keep an eye on is Tyler Grady, who sang, "Let's Get It On." Grady's voice is smooth with a charming personality to match.

However, Grady is not the only contestant with charm. Justin Williams, a cancer survivor, sang with debonair ambiance, with much confidence to encourage votes.

Another top contender is Bosa Mora, a Nigerian, heartfelt singer. Though Mora's voice may be a little raw, he does have plenty of potential and heartfelt passion when in performance.

Ashley Rodriguez is another contestant to watch. Rodriguez unique rendition of Alicia Keys "If I Ain't Got You" was exceptional and unique. Rodriguez voice is sultry and powerful with a fine finesse. Cowell stated to Rodriguez, "I think you may have IT," and he just may be correct on this one.

Alongside the above changes, the *AI* set also underwent an overhaul.

The facilities holding the auditions appear larger and better fitted for the countless people awaiting the judges. The waiting rooms seem comfortable, which lighten up the intense situation for the contestants. Apparently, *AI* producers figured the smaller venues were not working.

This week, *AI* shows the Chicago auditions, so keep your eyes peeled for those in the region who may make an appearance on the show Jan. 19.

# Attention!

Do you like to write? Do you have a short story or poem you would like to share with your fellow students?

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## WALL-E

January 29, 2010

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# Visclosky

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bill will protect citizens from predatory economics and high interest rates.

"This will help us avoid late fees. I want card companies to send out bills on time, so we can get the bill and pay it on time. If they send it out late, then we have to scramble to get it back in on time which will lead to unnecessary late fees.

"Also introduced was the Tierney cap of interest rates, which limited them to 16-percent. This is quite a bit lower than many current rates and should prevent people from being abused by their companies," Visclosky said.

Although Visclosky toted the great bill and its protection of citizens, according to OpenCongress.com, he was among the 147 votes against the bill, a fact he neglected to mention.

When it comes to loans, Visclosky said he supported a bill which changed loans from being privatized or even high interest into the current Direct Loan format.

"The change to Direct Loans

has worked toward taking out the bank profits, the profits that are unnecessary with this new format.

"The new healthcare bill has incentives for doctors, nurses and other medical personnel. This will make it more viable for people to take on those careers and give assistance to those already in the professions.

"Pell has money set aside for students. This increases every year. This is a great help."

Those who work without insurance can get it because everyone has to give, young pay to spread the wealth, risk and cost for those who need it. This defers the risk and cost today for tomorrow.

Visclosky even included an anecdote about his son, John. Because his son is 22, he could soon need health coverage and depending on where he might become employed, he may not have proper coverage or any at all.

"John is in good health now but there are many who aren't so blessed," Visclosky said. "I think it's wrong that some people don't

have health insurance.

"This whole idea that we will lock up half the country [because they don't have insurance] is wrong. We will not do it. There will be a payroll tax that will pay for the insurance."

Another issue which he spoke about during his forum was the bailout. Visclosky's explanation was that he was against using American money to

of the Hammond lakefront. "I'm pushing for the Marquette Plan. In 1985 [Visclosky's first year in Congress], I espoused the bill. I want 75 percent of the land from the Illinois border to the Eastern edge of Portage to be open for public use.

"The lake is more valuable every day," Visclosky said. "The people's lake should not be cutoff."

Staying on the path is required; No glass products are allowed in the dunes. There are many others which have lent to the continued cleanliness and beauty of the area. The new areas, if added, would have the same rules and the same patrols of workers both for the upkeep and the protection of the area.

Another recent issue the congressman addressed during the forum was the Homeland Security failure with the Northwest Airlines "Leg-bomber." Many residents cried out that Homeland Security needed to be disbanded, but Visclosky has defended it.

"I share your concern. There was a failure in the system," he said. "There are a fair number of attacks in which the system worked very well. There are so many times that Homeland Security has prevented things that we will never hear about."

The residents of Hammond seemed unhappy with many of the answers they received and many commented that Visclosky's statements were incorrect or evading the real issues.

Makayla left before the end of the forum to head back to school. Visclosky said she was welcome until the end, but with the eruption of "Bullshit!" as the final questions were read, perhaps it was better she left before the audience turned against her hero, Congressman Pete Visclosky.

## The rundown on Visclosky

- Congressman Visclosky represents the First Congressional District: Lake, Porter, Newton, Jasper and Benton Counties.
- He has served continuously since 1985. He is up for re-election this year.
- Andrean graduate, IUN B.A. in Accounting, Law degree Notre Dame, Masters Georgetown
- Proud of Indiana National Guard which has the 4th largest NG in the US and has had 15,900 serve in wars since 9/11.

keep large institutions afloat.

"I voted against the bailout three times."

The stimulus bill was commented upon multiple times during the forum. In the past, Visclosky's "Buy American" provision has kept the money in America and in American companies. This is of consequence for Northwest Indiana because of the production of steel. Visclosky credits himself for the addition of the provision and its intent. According to Visclosky, this year there will be 40 local infrastructure projects because of the stimulus bill.

There was much discussion of another local issue: the renewal

Visclosky believes that as private lands are being sold, the government should attempt to purchase them and eventually turn the lakefront into a contiguous public land. The key dissention to the proposal is that there will be millions of dollars poured into the lakefront; meanwhile there are not enough jobs for the local workers. The addition of new public lands will mean more short-term jobs but according to many of the dissenters in the audience, that is not enough.

The cleanliness of the Dunes National Lakeshore and its stringent rules have become well-known: No twigs or plants may be removed nor picked;

# Haiti

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was in the air above Indiana, word reached us all of the destruction of Haiti.

"I've had phone calls and emails from all over," Tobin said. "They all saw what happened and were concerned about me. I told my daughter, Katie, I'm fine. Just put it on Facebook. I'd been in contact with everyone on Facebook. Just tell everybody I'm fine."

Tobin is fine but still shaken up over the ordeal. She was on a 10 a.m. flight out of Haiti. She said that her original travel form had her listed as on a different flight, a flight which was delayed due to the earthquake.

"I was scheduled to be on flight 1908. It was on the runway when it hit. The flight was delayed. They waited. They finally announced to the passengers what had happened. Half got off. They were Haitian; they had to stay to help if they could."

Tobin's time in Haiti was for research. She was learning about the educational system of Haiti and the diverse ways social sciences could be taught in another nation.

"Haitians are very resilient people. They have survived many tragedies. They have lived through so much," Tobin said in a confident tone as she shook her head over the destruction of the very places she had visited only last week.

"I see good everywhere I go. They might have a poor infrastructure and poor living conditions but I like the conversations with them. It's very human to human. They are not so different. You have to get off the cruise ship to understand what it's all about."

It was Tobin's second trip

to the nation and on this one she focused on meeting with junior high and high school teachers to discuss methodology, style, focus and limitations.

Tobin received her books. She will work from them and base much of her future work on them but Haiti has a shortage of books. According to her, many of the classrooms have 60 students, one teacher and one textbook. Crammed into a 15-by-15 classroom and sitting on benches, the students would learn and memorize their lessons.

"They have an old-fashioned way. They use a lot of memorization," Tobin said. "Even the teachers might have material memorized but not have an understanding of it. For example, there would be a chemistry teacher who might be able to write out formulas and things but not be able to explain the complexities and reasons for it, the very uses of it."

Tobin has attempted to return to a normal life but is still affected by the destruction of the very place she slept in only hours before the nation was rocked.

"I've tried to focus but it's been really hard. I haven't unpacked. I went and got groceries so I could feed my family but it's just not the same."

Tobin had a trip planned for June or July to do more research but it might be on hold with so much aid going to unearth the country and long-term plans being pushed aside for immediate relief.

"There's long-term poverty in the Caribbean and we ignore it everyday, anywhere in the world. We don't realize that the world is not just resorts."

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# Fitness

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John Bobalik, Fitness Center manager, moves exercise equipment back into Fitness Center after the new renovations were completed.

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## Miracle

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said. She mentioned the team experimented with a new press and worked on beating an offensive zone.

Both teams came out flat in the second half, but soon the peregrines found their rhythm and began advancing the lead.

PUC also shot a low percentage, just 37.0, but hit 16 of 18 free-throws shot.

Leading the way for PUC in scoring were Alex Starr 15 points, Keilman 12 points, Amanda Gaskin 12 points and

Stephanie Beck with 11 points. Gaskin, a freshmen center, also led the team in rebounding with 13 pulled down. Junior guard, Jennifer Britton, dished out 7 assists in 20 minutes played.

Making her return to the Peregrines roster was Chrissy "LOBO" Lobodinski. Lobodinski, who transferred back to PUC this semester, played 12 minutes in her second game back while scoring 2 points, 2 rebounds and 1 assist.

## Peregrines couldn't closeout

Casey Brandon  
Managing Editor

The Peregrines blew a double digit lead in the second half against HolyCross College Jan. 16 to lose the game with a final score of 80-73.

PUC came out shooting in the first half by converting 15-29 field-goals. The Peregrines' intensity was matched by The Saints, but poor shooting—only 32.4—allowed PUC to eventually gain a lead heading into halftime.

"In the first half I feel like we came out with fairly decent effort," guard Rob Williams said.

At the start of the second half, PUC had a 36-29 lead that grew to a 50-37 lead with 13:25 minutes left in the half.

From that point on, the Peregrines got stuck in quick sand, as they gave up the lead for a final time with 55 seconds left.

"We got a lot of guys that really need to tighten up their focus and need to come to work every day and play every possession." Coach Dan Voudrie said about the late collapse.

Leading scorers for the

Peregrines were Aaron Evans, 23, Neal Hudson, 18 and Mark Sutter, 12. Forward Michael Patton led the team in rebounds with 9.

The game marked only the third time The Saints had gotten into the win column.

"They were a team that hadn't won in a long time," Voudrie said. "They just wanted to win."

The Peregrines dropped 15 percentage points to shoot a low 37.5 percent from the field in the second half. According to Voudrie, fatigue might have played a role.

"We need to be able to knock down shots at our true efficiency, and not allow fatigue to play a factor," Voudrie said.

Forward Mark Sutter said the team took bad shots near the end of the game.

"In the first half we were getting in the lanes, shooting a lot more layups," Sutter said. "The second half we were shooting a lot more 3's and our average went down."

The peregrines have overall record stands at 4 win, 12 losses.

had to cut out samples and send it to a company in Oklahoma and that was over the holidays, so that took about four or five days longer."

Luckily, the dark residue was just coal ash. It prevents the concrete from cracking. This was a major project.

"It ran over the fitness center budget. We had x amount budgeted for the floor and the carpeting assuming there were no problems. The university had a rainy day fund; we call it a contingency fund, so the overrun came out of the contingency fund."

According to Bobalik the cost of the new floor was almost \$18,000 extra.

We had budgeted \$40,000. What we ended up with was about \$15,000 to 18,000 more," Bobalik said "We got nine new Magna machines in the center to replace nine old ones. Actually, those are out on the floor now. We were going to get some more new machines if we had extra funds but we didn't."

Managing Editor Casey Brandon contributed to this piece.

## NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Ryan Murphy and Chris Strait

The Los Angeles Lakers have become the first NBA team to reach 3,000 wins. The New Jersey Nets trail them by just 2,997.

Blake Griffin is expected to miss the remainder of the season. But he will not miss playing for the Clippers.

A Spanish basketball team is interested in signing Darko Milicic. Wow, their bench must be freezing.

The Florida Marlins are set to visit U.S. military troops in Iraq and Kuwait. Because that's how far they have to travel to find a Marlins fan.

And the Kansas City Royals have hired former Milwaukee manager Ned Yost as a special adviser. Yost should be able to provide them with plenty of tips on how to spend their free time in October.

Goose Gossage believes there should be no place in the Hall of Fame for Mark McGwire. Except, perhaps, as a bouncer.

The Baseball Hall of Fame has announced they're keeping Mark McGwire's bat in Cooperstown. We are hoping they'll use it to beat some sense into Jose Canseco.

Tiger Woods has reportedly entered a sex rehab clinic in Arizona. He's not addicted to sex, it's just a great place to meet women.

The Washington Wizards shot only 44 percent in a surprising loss to the Detroit Pistons. Probably because all their best shooters are suspended.

Three Washington Wizards missed practice to talk to authorities. The police have made little progress, much like the team itself.

Mark McGwire told the MLB Network he would have hit 70 home runs without using steroids, before his pants suddenly caught on fire.

Little League plans to add a new baseball age division for 12 and 13-year-old players. Which is wonderful news for Chinese 15-year-olds.

And Joe Namath's daughter has been charged with drug possession. Thankfully, Namath has guaranteed a victory.

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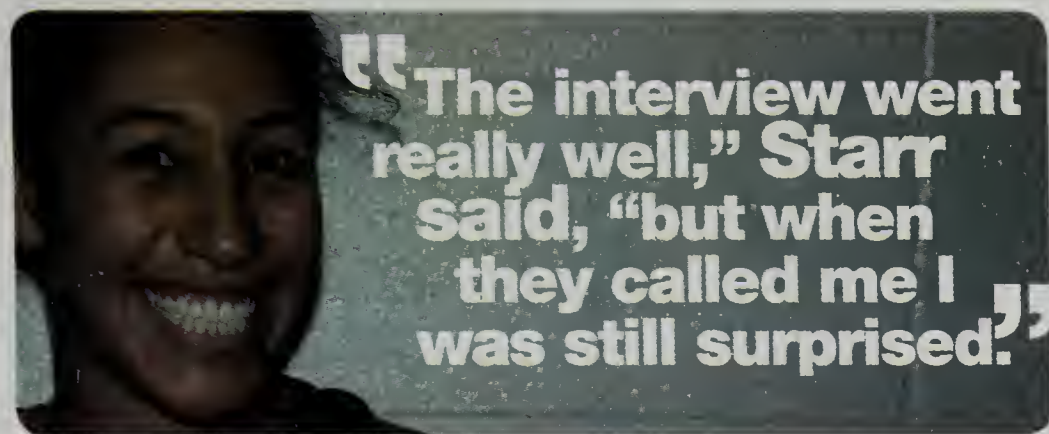
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### Peregrine schedule for the week of January 18, 2009

| Tuesday - 1/19            | Wednesday - 1/20                     | Saturday - 1/23                         |
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| Woman's Basketball        | Men's Basketball                     | Women's Basketball                      |
| at IUN Northwest @ 7 p.m. | vs. Purdue North Central @ 7:30 p.m. | at Cardinal Stritch University @ 2 p.m. |
|                           |                                      | Men's Basketball                        |
|                           |                                      | at Cardinal Stritch University @ 4 p.m. |

## Ms. Starr goes to Washington



Chronicle file photo

**Casey Brandon**  
Managing Editor

PUC women's basketball player Alexandria Starr was one of 13 individuals nationwide to be accepted to the 2010-11 Red Cross/NAIA Youth Leadership Program.

Starr will travel to Washington D.C. from June 7-18 to partake in leadership training at the Red Cross's national headquarters.

"I was very excited when I found out, there were so many applicants and I was just 1 of 13," Starr said. "They said there was a record number of applicants this year."

During the two weeks the participants will learn from civic and business leaders to uncover their leadership potential off the field. Also, participants will

about organizing successful campus blood drives, actively participate on a leadership board and take part in diversity and cultural competency training.

Starr said she would benefit with leadership skills from the program and PUC would get some notoriety from it. A freshmen biology major at PUC, Starr plans on becoming an optometrist someday and said what she learned this summer would help her in this endeavor.

According to Starr, Sports Information Director Jordan Bruner found the program and suggested women's coach Tom Megyesi recommend a player. From that point on though it was on Starr's own merit to advance through the interview process and get accepted.

"The interview went really well," Starr said. "But when they

called me I was still surprised."

According to Athletic Director Bob Bunnell, it was a tremendous honor for PUC and Starr.

"She provides a perfect example of the student-athlete that our programs are trying to recruit," Bunnell said. "An individual not that not only succeeds on the court but also serves as a leader in the classroom as well as the local community."

Fellow basketball player and senior leader of the Peregrines, Sara Keilman thought Starr would benefit greatly from the experience and training she would receive.

"In the next few years she will become one of the leaders on this team," Keilman said. "This will help her learn how to lead on and off the court."

## Fitness Center completes renovations

**Zach Heridia**  
News Editor

The Fitness and Recreational Center has new floors.

The new, rubber-like floors were a big cosmetic need for a facility that is attempting to improve fitness and aesthetics. According to John Bobalik, the previous carpeting was ten years old and in disrepair.

"It's great to finally have it done. It's terrific," Bobalik said. "The floor before was 10 years old and it was shot. We hadn't had it cleaned in two years. When it was last cleaned it was in a state of disrepair. Because of the poor state of the carpet, there was nothing more that could be done except resurface the floor."

As the Fitness Center has improved their machines, staff and accommodations for students, staff and the community there was still a lack

of aesthetics. Bobalik said it was important to have the facilities look new and not like something out of the '80s.

"There was a big need for something," Bobalik said. "The walls had been painted. You have the black and gold and now you got a green carpet," "It's more appealing. The flooring matches the floors. It looks like it's an updated, state of the art facility."

As the workers were pulling up the old carpeting they found a problem. The work was delayed and due to a need for safety the budget was greatly exceeded.

"They got blindsided. When they pulled the carpet up in the middle, they found some moisture had come up," Bobalik said this delayed the work. "There were big black blotches, so they didn't know if that was mold or another problem. They

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## Saints needed a miracle



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Amanda Gaskin had 12 points and 13 rebounds against HolyCross College as the Peregrines went on to win 81-45.

**Casey Brandon**  
Managing Editor

HolyCross College didn't have a chance as the PUC's women's basketball team went on to win fourth straight game, Jan. 16 in the Fitness Center. The Saints evened the score up at two points apiece at the start of the first half, which marked the last time this could be called a competition.

The Peregrines offensive prowess and defensive pressure allowed them to take a 42-20 halftime lead. While the first half was not particularly impressive, with 38.5 percent shooting, the Peregrines did manage to convert 8-10 free-throw attempts.

The Peregrines implemented some new things in practice to correct weaknesses pointed out during the non-conference portion of the schedule, according to Coach Tom Megyesi.

"We have put some things in that we normally would not have put in, if we had not played those tougher teams," Megyesi said. "I believe it really has helped our play to this day."

Agreeing with Megyesi, Senior center Sara Keilman said the team is trying to be more focused and try new things because of the non-conference schedule.

"This week we were drilled in practice," Keilman

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